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## 2010 LEGISLATIVE RECAP

Dear neighbors,

We just finished the 2010 legislative session, one of the most challenging of my legislative career, and also the final.

I've served the communities of the 40th district since 1993 and it's been a tremendous joy and an incredible learning experience. I've served in both good times and bad. Washington has struggled through recessions before and emerged stronger than ever. These past few years have been the most difficult in decades, but our state is poised to lead the nation out of these trying times. I have full confidence that my Olympia colleagues will continue making jobs and economic recovery their number one priority.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state representative in Olympia for nearly two decades. As Chair of the House Education Committee I will continue working on important education issues throughout the rest of the year, and my office remains open to assist you and answer your questions.

I'd also like to thank my legislative assistant, Rita Sullivan, who has worked with me all these years with humor, grace and incredible skill. I really couldn't have done my job without her.

Again, thank you for your support and for all you do to make our community and state a great place to live and raise a family.

A handwritten signature of Dave Quall in cursive script.

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## 2010 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

### BALANCING A BUDGET IN BAD ECONOMIC TIMES

#### The original 2009-11 operating budget: "No new taxes"



When legislators arrived in Olympia last January for the 2009 session, it was our first confrontation against the economic recession. We balanced the \$9 billion shortfall with a combination of cuts, one-time federal stimulus help, and savings. Unlike 30 other states, we adopted a budget with no new taxes.

#### The 2010 supplemental budget: "Focus on economic recovery"

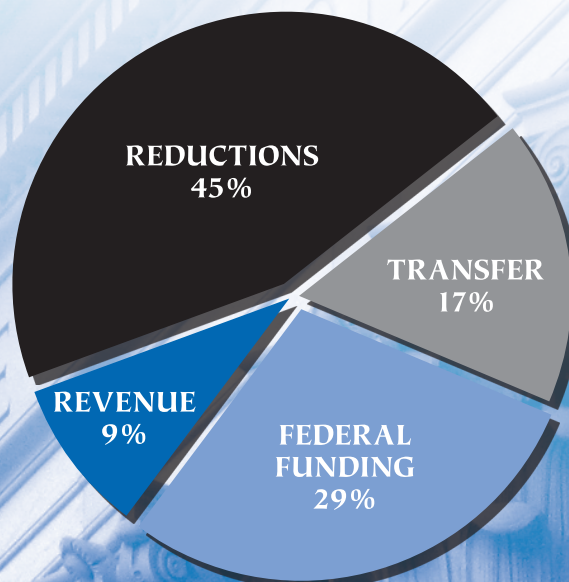
But the economy remained in freefall and when we came back to Olympia this past January, we faced another \$2.8 billion problem. We had to rebalance the books with a supplemental budget.

After the \$3.3 billion in cuts made last session, the cuts required to fill a \$2.8 billion hole would be too devastating to our long-term economic health. Our families and our businesses depend on quality schools, quality higher education and workforce training, safe communities, efficient transportation and freight systems, and access to affordable health care.

Ultimately we balanced the budget by making more cuts and raising some new revenue.

The \$794 million in new revenue is primarily made up of closing tax loopholes, ending certain exemptions, and temporarily increasing certain taxes. These funds protect the services we need to have a healthy, educated workforce and safe communities. For example, we repealed a \$155 million tax loophole to help preserve financial aid, basic health care for 60,000 working adults, and quality child care for low-income working parents. In terms of education we were able to preserve levy equalization for property-poor school districts, all-day kindergarten and Reading Corps, an incredibly effective tutoring program to help students improve their reading skills.

**Our 2009-11 budget is \$1 billion smaller than our 2007-08 budget. To manage a multi-billion shortfall, we made \$4.50 cents in cuts for every \$1 in new revenue.**





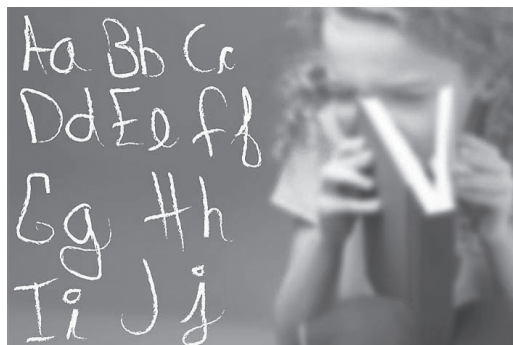
## EDUCATION



**RACE TO THE TOP** We approved SB 6696 to make Washington more competitive in the Obama Administration's competitive education grant program known as Race to the Top (RTTT). The bill includes reform provisions such as a new accountability system to turn around low-performing schools, an updated evaluation system for teachers, and expanded teacher preparation opportunities to support those who want to become teachers.

**EDUCATION REFORM** Last year we approved a major overhaul of our state's K-12 funding system. A Quality Education Council was formed to implement the reforms over the next ten years. This year we passed their first set of recommendations with HB 2776. The bill establishes a new simplified school funding model, phases-in smaller classes of 17 students in kindergarten through 3rd grade by the 2015-16 school year, increases state funding for maintenance and operation costs, and implements a new pupil transportation funding method.

**SCHOOL LEVIES** Most districts can currently use levies for up to 24 percent of their budgets. Last year the Legislature suspended funding for I-728 and I-732, voter-approved initiatives for class size reduction and teacher cost-of-living increases. The significant reduction in funding meant school districts were collecting less levy money. We passed HB 2893 to allow districts to calculate their levies as though that funding were still in place. The bill also offsets last year's budget cuts by allowing a temporary four percent raise in the levy lid along with \$22 million increased funding for levy equalization for property-poor districts.



**STATEWIDE DROPOUT REENGAGEMENT SYSTEM** HB 1418 provides innovative new ways to partner with community organizations and ensure we don't let any of our students fall through the cracks. The bill sets in motion a process to allow school districts to contract with community and technical colleges, community-based organizations or other entities to re-engage and support drop-out students in completing their diploma or preparing for work.

### THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO EARN A DIPLOMA

The facts speak for themselves: the more options students have to earn a diploma, the more likely they are to stay in school. That's why I've spent much of my legislative career supporting alternate learning programs.

Contact the Office of the Superintendent for more information at (360) 725-6000 or [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us).

**RUNNING START** - 11th and 12th grade students can attend college classes tuition-free and earn both high school and college credit.

**RUNNING START FOR THE TRADES** - Similar to Running Start, this program allows 11th and 12th grade students to take classes that prepare them to enter a full-time apprenticeship upon graduation, or into a two-year program leading to an apprenticeship.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM** - High school students complete rigorous college-level courses, successfully take an end-of-course exam, and can earn college credit.

**COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL** - This program brings college instructors into high school classrooms to teach college courses to qualified high school students. Students can earn both high school and college credit.

**ONLINE LEARNING** - Students can complete a couple classes online, or enroll in a part-time or full-time program.

**OPPORTUNITY INTERNSHIPS** - This is a new program that allows high school students to earn a scholarship for college or apprenticeship by completing a workplace internship with a local employer during high school. This program is just getting under way.

**TECH PREP** - Provides students with hands-on training and work experience in a number of technical industries such as applied science, agriculture or health care, and leads a student directly to an associate degree, two-year certificate or apprenticeship.

## LOCAL NEWS: OPENING THIS FALL: NORTHWEST CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY



Northwest Career & Technical Academy

Speaking of alternative learning opportunities, the new Northwest Career & Technical Academy will open its doors this September to Skagit area high school students. I first wrote about this exciting project back in 2007 when planning was underway. I was an early supporter of the project because of the incredible stories I'd heard from students around the state who had been on a path to dropping out until enrolling in a skill center and finding something they enjoyed and excelled at. These skills centers have proven over and over to be effective at engaging students and helping them graduate with all the skills needed to land a good-paying job. We operate only ten other skills centers in the state and demand is growing. The Academy will offer juniors and seniors hands-on training in finance, culinary arts, medical and dental fields, computer science and more.



Marine Technology Academy

The main campus is in Mount Vernon next to Skagit Valley College. The Academy will also offer Marine Technology courses at its Marine Center in Anacortes. If you have time to visit and see for yourself the great work taking place at these campuses, I encourage you to spend an afternoon learning how these programs benefit both our students and area businesses in need of skilled workers.

For more information about the programs available or to apply for enrollment visit [www.nwtech.k12.wa.us](http://www.nwtech.k12.wa.us).

## HONORING A LOCAL TRAILBLAZER

This session Rep. Jeff Morris and I had the privilege of sponsoring a resolution in honor of Wolf Bauer, a 98-year-old man whose legendary feats as a mountaineer, kayaker, environmental educator and conservationist have made him a key figure in the Northwest. Mr. Bauer currently resides in Anacortes and continues to walk and hike almost daily.



Rep. Quall, Lynn Hyde, Wolf Bauer and Rep. Morris.

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